



# UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
United States Patent and Trademark Office  
Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450  
www.uspto.gov

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
09/277,286	03/26/1999	CARL STRATHMEYER	42390P8951	3294

7590 01/25/2006

GREGORY D CALDWELL  
BLAKELY SOKOLOFF TAYLOR & ZAFMAN  
12400 WILSHIRE BOULEVARD  
SEVENTH FLOOR  
LOS ANGELES, CA 90025

EXAMINER

BUI, BING Q

ART UNIT PAPER NUMBER

2642

DATE MAILED: 01/25/2006

Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.



## DETAILED ACTION

### *Response to Amendment*

1. Applicant's Amendment filed on 7/26/2005 has been entered. Claims 6, 8, 22 and 36 have been amended. Claims 1-5, 11-21 and 24-35 have been cancelled. No claims have been added. Claims 6-10, 22-23 and 36-38 are still pending in this application, wherein claims 6, 8 and 36 being independent.

### *Allowable Subject Matter*

2. Claims 6-10, 22-23 and 36-38 are allowed.

### *Conclusion*

3. This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters:

A proposed drawing correction or corrected drawings are required in reply to the "NOTICE OF DRAFTPERSONS'S PATENT DRAWING REVIEW" (Form PTO 948) sent to Applicant on 3/28/2001 to avoid abandonment of the application. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

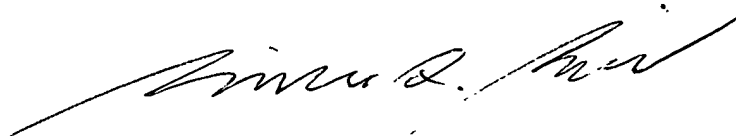
Art Unit: 2642

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bing Bui whose telephone number is (571) 272-7482. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday from 7:30 to 5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ahmad Matar, can be reached on (571) 272-7488. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300 and for formal communications intended for entry (please label the response ☐EXPEDITED PROCEDURE☐) or for informal or draft communications not intended for entry (please label the response "PROPOSED" or "DRAFT").

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-2600.

17 Jan 2006



**BING Q. BUI**  
**PRIMARY EXAMINER**